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Dear Mr Joubert

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PHIPHIDI WATERFALL

As requested, we have investigated the area of the Phiphidi waterfall reserve on the farm Chibase 213MT in the Thohoyandou district of Limpopo Province. The sites are located to the east of the village of Dovhoni on the banks of the Mutshindudi River (Fig. 1). The site is very small, covering approximately 5 hectares.

The scope of work consisted of conducting a Phase 1 archaeological survey of the site in accordance with the requirements of Section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). This included:

- Conducting a desk-top investigation of the area;
- A visit to the proposed development site.

The objectives were to

- Identify possible archaeological, cultural and historic sites within the proposed development areas;
- Evaluate the potential impacts of construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed development on archaeological, cultural and historical resources;
- Recommend mitigation measures to ameliorate any negative impacts on areas of archaeological, cultural or historical importance.

The geology of the study areas is made up of basalt and the original vegetation is classified as Sour Lowveld Bushveld. As the area is a small nature reserve, the original vegetation is still largely intact, especially on the southern side of the river. In the northern side, some exotic trees were planted.

As the exact location of the proposed development is still uncertain, we have only had a look at the larger area. We have found no obvious features, sites or artefacts of cultural significance that would be impacted on by the proposed development. However, we have been informed by local spokespersons that there

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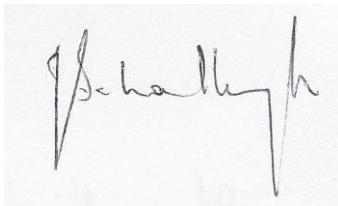
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might be some oral traditions and related cultural activities associated with the waterfall. Therefore, from a heritage point of view, it is recommend that the proposed development can continue, on condition of acceptance of the following:

- That an investigation is undertaken to record any oral traditions and cultural activities regarding the site.
- When the location for the proposed development has been identified, that it should be investigated by an archaeologist.
- If archaeological sites or graves are exposed during construction work, it should immediately be reported to a museum, preferably one at which an archaeologist is available, so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.

Yours sincerely

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J van Schalkwyk
Principal Investigator

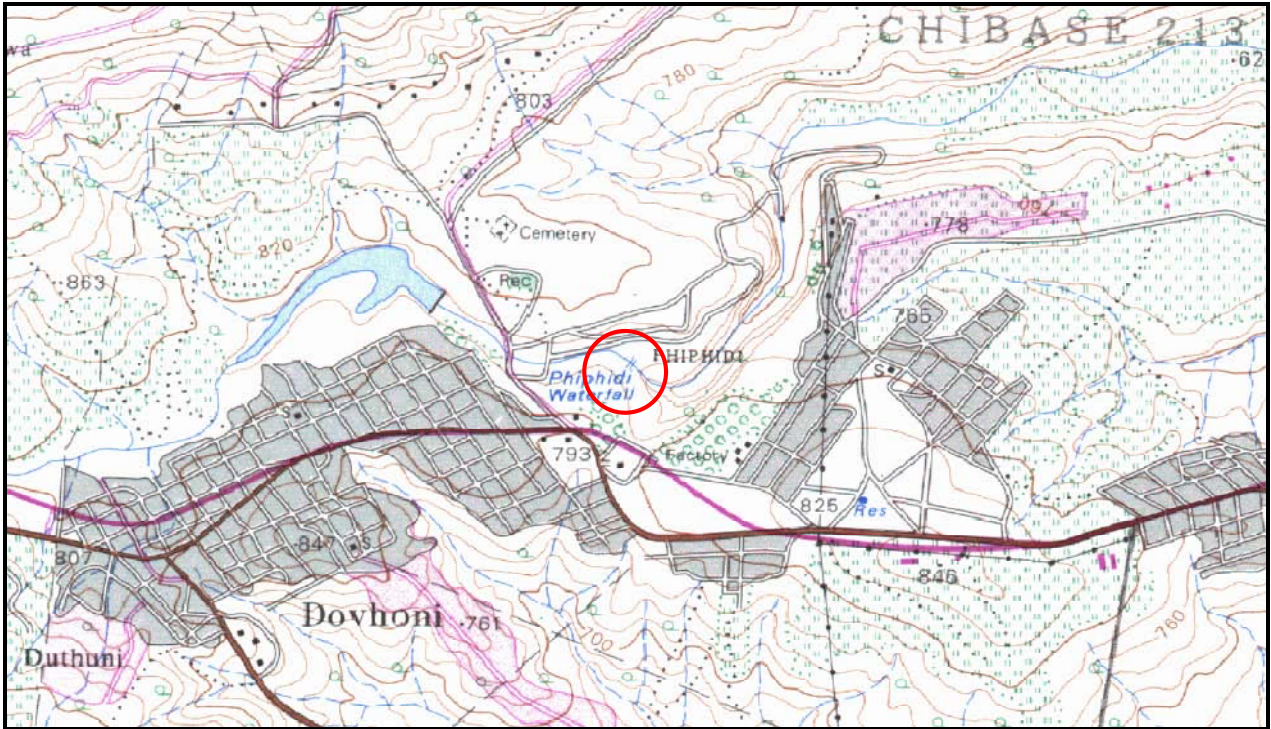


Fig. 1. Location of the area that was surveyed (Map, courtesy of the Government Printer).